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- 11. (SBU) Poloff delivered ref A demarche November 3 to Anna Miklos, MFA's Human Rights and International Organizations' UN desk officer responsible for the Goldstone Report. Miklos stated that the MFA has received a draft copy of the proposed resolution outlined in ref A from the EU, commenting that the text appears "more balanced" than the text submitted to the Human Rights Commission in October. Responding to the USG concerns over text that would refer the matter to the International Court of Justice (ICJ), Miklos said that, in her review of the proposed text, there is no mention of the ICJ. While acknowledging GOH agreement with many of the points outlined in ref A., Miklos commented that the MFA has yet to establish a final position on the potential resolution. She said that she will contact Hungary's UN PermRep immediately to pass on the USG's comments concerning the proposed resolution.
- 12. (SBU) PolOff expressed appreciation for Hungary's support during the recent Human Rights Commission special session on the Goldstone Report, noting it was one of six countries who joined the U.S. on the issue. Miklos responded that several Arab League countries contacted Hungary after the vote to express their displeasure with Hungary's stance on the issue. LEVINE